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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

CenturyTelephone, our regional carrier for this area of Arkansas just reported an obscene percent increase in 3rd quarter profit . Perhaps you could explain, since they increased their basic service \$3 per month, why they need a \$1 increase in USF. Correct me if I'm wrong but didn't you just allow an increase in USF recently???

My wireless phone is used for emergency only in a pre-paid status. JUST LEAVE US SENIOR CITIZENS ALONE! IT IS OUR LINK TO SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAYS.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members